# Snow in the Dark

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There once stood at the edge of Deutschland a citadel enshrouded in snows ...
The Good Queen of that land had in the years preceding this tale passed away
For so is death bound to birth that in end of her days, the Queen gave forth th life of her only daughter the Princess Snow White
As if bearing the tidings of her death there came upon the kingdom a great pestilence thereafter
My parents were amongst the ones to fall.
The Reaper with his scythe claimed countless scores, and the lands were plunged into darkness
Their deaths, however, are lost to me in fever and delirium ...

I give to you my life, sweet Princess ...

I thought to travel to the citadel and seek my trade.
With nowhere to stay and nothing to eat.
"And I would be dead."
"It would not be so bad perhaps."
"How much longer can I survive?"
"... I would rather choose the other path."
"than to live in such misery."
CAN YOU SPEAK?
HE'S STILL ALIVE!
MOTHER! HE'S ALIVE!
... a voice unmarred by sin.
It was then that I found

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Unto eternity shall our fates be joined …

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PRINCESS!
OH! G'DAY LARRY!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU!
PRINCESS!
I SAY, HAVE YOU TASTED THESE APPLES YET? THEY'RE ALREADY QUITE RIPE!
NEVERMIND THAT RIGHT NOW YOUR TUTOR REQUESTS YOUR ATTENDANCE
PRINCESS SNOW WHITE.

NO, PRINCESS! DON'T JUM-!
I'M COMING!
OH, DEAR. I HADN'T REALIZED IT WAS SO LATE
PLEASE HURRY, YOUR HIGHNESS!
I'M BUT A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL GUARD, PRINCESS...
I SHAN'T TOLERATE SUCH FORMALITY WHEN WE'RE ALONE, LARRY.
YOU REALLY MUST DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS OBSTINANCE OF YOURS
THE QUEEN IS WATCHING US, MY LADY

MY LADY THE QUEEN
OH, YES! LARRY!
I WISH FOR YOU TO JOIN ME LATER FOR APPLE-TASTING.
LORDS! I SHOULD HURRY, ELSE THE TUTORS SHALL BE MOST UPSET.
AND ONE OTHER THING!
I WISH TO BE TO YOU NO MORE AND NO LESS THAN A COMMONER, AS WE SO REGARDED ONE ANOTHER AS CHILDREN.
I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW THAT I'M DREADFULLY SERIOUS ON THE MATTER OF FORMALITY!
THE GIRL THAT I MET ON THAT WINTER MORNING HAS BECOME A MAIDEN OF BEAUTY.
TEN YEARS HAVE PASSED
NAY,
DELIVERANCE IS TOO SLIGHT A WORD TO DESCRIBE WHAT SHE GRANTED ME.
IT WAS SHE WHO DELIVERED ME FROM THE MAW OF THE REAPER

I HAVE IN HER SERVICE THESE TEN YEARS, FAST, SEEN THE TRUEST OF BLISS
HER SMILE IS TO ME THE LIGHT OF HEAVEN...
THERE IS IN THIS LIFE A BEAUTIFUL MONOTONY
I SAY SHE'S GROWIN' PRETTIER BY THE DAY, SHE IS
AYE TO THAT.
AIN'T IT SO?
COULD ALMOST SEE IN 'ER A SHADOW O' THE LATE QUEEN
THIS CURRENT QUIN'S AWFULLY PRE'TY TOO
BUT JUDGIN THE WAY THE PRINCESS' GROWIN' UP AND ALL, I WAGER SHE'LL FALL BEHIND SOON ENOUGH
YOU DON'T BE SO LOUD WIT' BADMOUTHIN' THE QUIN
SHE GETS EAR O' WHAT YOU JUST SAID; IT'S INTO THE SLAMMER WITH YA
VEGINAE HEAD 'A DO THAT
!!
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MIRROR,
MIRROR UPON THE WALL
I ASK YOUR ANSWER TO MY CALL

FOREMOST IN ALL THE LAND,
IS THE PRINCESS SNOW WHITE.
THOUGH THY ART DEAD JUST
'TIS SNOW WHITE, O LADY QUEEN
...
A
YES.
THERE GROWS IN HER GAZE UPON ME A STRONG ENMITY. THE CAUSE OF WHICH I CANNOT DISCERN
THE QUEEN, YOU SAY?
PARANOIA MY LADY
NAY, LARRY 'TIS NOTHING OF THE SORT
THERE WAS IN HER GAZE TILL NOW A SENSE OF WARMTH, OF LOVE.
IN THE PAST YEAR, THAT HAS ALL BUT VANISHED
I AM ILL AT EASE...

REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENS, I SWEAR THAT I SHALL REMAIN AT YOUR SIDE AND GUARD YOU WITH MY LIFE
FAITHFULNESS
YOU NEEDN'T WORRY
SUCH IS MY DUTY AND MY PRIDE
I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO BEAR IT IF LARRY DIED FOR MY SAKE.
WHAT I MEANT TO...
I SPEAK MY HEART, MY LADY.
PLEASE, LARRY! I'VE HAD QUITE ENOUGH OF THIS ABSURD PROFESSIONALISM
IF NEED BE, I SHALL SACRIFICE MY EMOTIONS TO ENSURE HER HAPPINESS.
IT EXISTS SO TO REINFORCE THE TIES WITH WHICH WE ARE BOUND - HONOR AND DUTY.
THE FORMALITY OF MY REGARD FOR HER IS NOT PRETENSE.
SHE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND

THE FOLK OF THE CITADEL HAVE BECOME AWARE OF THEIR PRINCESS' GROWING BEAUTY
THE QUEEN HAS SEEMED RATHER AGITATED OF LATE JEALOUSY, MAYHAPS, GIVES THE ROOT OF THIS DIVIDE
YOUR WORRIES MAY NOT BE ENTIRELY UNFOUNDED YOUR HIGHNESS
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?
MY LADY PRINCESS
WE REQUEST THAT YOU COME WITH US WITHOUT RESISTENCE
THE QUEEN REQUESTS YOUR PRESENCE
COME TOMORROW YOU SHALL BE FOURTEEN
HIGH TIME YOU ARE SEEN FOR YOUR FAIRNESS
YOU ARE NOT TO FOLLOW
!!?
MY LADY THE QUEEN!

I DEMAND THAT YOU HALT!!
WE ACT ON THE AUTHORITY OF THE QUEEN THE SUMMONS ISSUED DESIGNATE THE PRINCESS ALONE
GUA-
YOU SHAN'T REMOVE ME FROM HER SIDE!
I AM GUARD AND RETAINER TO HER MAJESTY THE PRINCESS SNOW WHITE!!
PRINCESS!!
STEPMOTHER MINE LADY QUEEN
OPPOSITION OF ROYAL DECREE IS FUTILE
YOU ARE BUT GUARD OF THE CITADEL A COMMONER NO LESS
THIS IS SERIOUS
WILLINGNESS TO EXERCISE BUT A HAIR BELOW LETHAL FORCE

THE SEASONS PASS AS FROM TWILIGHT TO DAWN
TEN YEARS NOW I'VE CARED FOR YOU MOTHER FOR CHILD
I WOULD COME UPON YOUR NECK AND CALL IF YOU SO WISHED
IF YOU SEEK MY PRESENCE BUT A WORD IS NEEDED IT WAS QUITE UNNECESSARY TO DEPLOY A ROYAL SUMMONS
YOUR FAIRNESS GROWS BY THE DAY IT SEEMS
MORE AND MORE YOU RESEMBLE MY PREDECESSOR YOUR MOTHER IN FLESH
SUCH A PITY
YOUR BEAUTY WOULD HAVE ONE DAY SURPASSED MY OWN
U

OUR LADY HAS TAKEN CHARGE OF THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.
TO FILL THE VACUUM OF POWER LEFT IN THE WAKE OF THE DEPRIVED KING.
WITHIN THE WALLS OF THE CITADEL, THE WORD OF THE QUEEN IS LAW. IF YOU WISH TO LIVE, YOU'D BEST KEEP THAT IN MIND.
YOU'VE HEARD THE TYPE OF THOSE WHO DARE OPPOSE. THE VACANCIES IN THE DUNGEON ARE FILLED AS QUICKLY AS THEY'RE EMPTIED. THEY SAY
SUCH IS THE WILL OF THE QUEEN.
OF COURSE. IF YOU PREFER, WE CAN GRANT YOU FREEDOM ANY DEATH.
WHAT'S IT TO BE THEN, LADY? CHOOSE YOUR FATE
YOUR LADY QUEEN IS NOTHING BUT A WITCH!
IF THIS BE THE TRUTH,
SUCH CASUAL EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY
WHAT I THOUGHT UNTHINKABLE HAS BECOME A LIKELIHOOD
DISOBEDIENCE GIVES THE TERMINATION OF MY POST
TO THE COUNTER, THE QUEEN'S PLANS FOR THE PRINCESS ARE UNKNOWN. PROBABLY OF HOSTILE INTENT.

THE LIVES OF MEN VANISH BUT IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE
IS IT NOT SO?
DISTRESS IS UNWARRANTED
A WITCH YOU SAY?
YOUR OWN MOTHER THE QUEEN THERESA WAS TO ME IN LIKE A FELLOW IN THE TRADE
SURELY YOU JEST MY QUEEN
IN THE DAY HER CRAFT WAS OF SUCH CALIBUR AS TO BE VIRTUALLY UNPARALLELED
THOSE WERE THE HAPPIEST DAYS OF MY LIFE
THE BEST OF COMPANIONS WE WERE SOLE COMPATRIOTS FROM THE OLD COUNTRY IN THIS UNFAMILIAR LAND
IT WAS AS HER HANDMAIDEN THAT I ACCOMPANIED HER HERE UPON HER MARRIAGE INTO THE ROYAL LINE OF THE CITADEL.

IT HAPPENED THAT I CAME TO REALIZE THE OPENING I HAD SOUGHT IN THE CONCEPTION OF HER CHILD
OUR FRIENDSHIP FORGOTTEN IN APPRENTICE I FOUND HER AN OBSTACLE MERELY FOR THE ELIMINATION
THERE BEING NO MECHANISM FOR HER REMISE WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF MY CRAFT
I CONFESS THAT IN MY HEART THE HATRED OF HER ESTRANGEMENT GREW MONSTROUS
THE ESTRANGEMENT THAT COMES OF INEQUALITY
BUT THERE EMERGES BETWEEN US
THERE IS IN THE DELIVERY OF NEWBORNE BABES NO POSSIBILITY OF DEFENSE.

THERE IS REASON YET TO WHAT YOU NOW DEEM MADNESS...
SO TO RIGHT ALL WRONGS ONCE AND FOR ALL, I HAVE BUT A SINGLE WEAVE LEFT TO CONCLUDE
FOURTEEN ARE THE SUMMERS TILL THE AWAKENING OF THE BLOOD OF CRAFT...
YOU WHO ART SPAWN OF THE WITCH QUEEN THERESA.
THE FINAL THREAT I FACE IS THE AWAKENING OF THE WITCH "SNOW WHITE"
YOU KILLED MY MOTHER!!
LADY QUEEN...!
I SHALL HAVE THAT
MY LOVE
THIS
TERMINATE HER!
GUARDS!

MY LADY QUEEN!! WHAT HAS COME UPON YOU THAT YOU WOULD EFFECT SUCH VIOLENCE!?
LARRY
I ENGAGE NOW THE DUTIES ATTRIBUTED MY POST. THE PRINCESS SHALL NOT COME TO HARM!

PRINCESS! WE MUST GO! HURRY!!
UWAAAAH!!
WE SHALL SEE, THEN, THAT YOU ACCOMPANY HER TO DIVINE JUDGMENT!!

WHAT MANNER OF...
LARRY!

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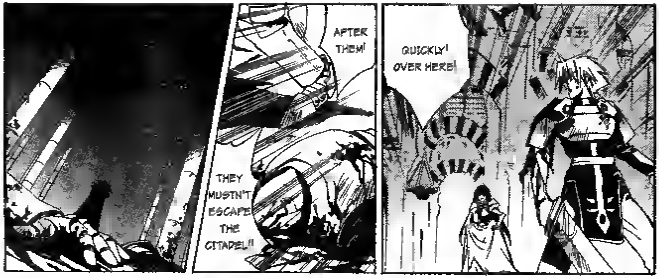
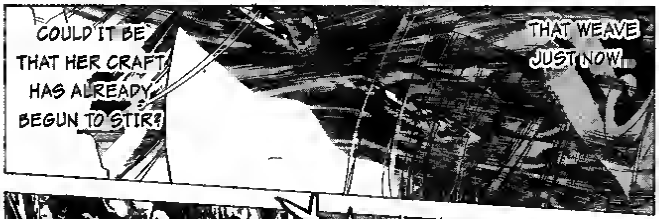


I TRUST THAT YOU ARE UNHURT, YOUR HIGHNESS!
YES, LARKY, BUT...
I MUST MAKE HASTE. COMETH THE AWAKENING. THE TWILIGHT SHALL ENVELOP ALL.
I MUST ELIMINATE SNOW WHITE! BEFORE "SHE" WAKES!
WHAT- WHAT OF YOUR ARM?

"TIS BUT A FLESH WOUND MY LADY NO NEED TO CONCERN YOURSELF
I APOLOGIZE I HAVE BROUGHT YOU TO INJURY
PRINCESS HOW DID IT
I- I DON'T UNDERSTAND
THE AWAKENING OF THE WITCH "SNOW WHITE"
COULD IT BE?
IS IT AS THE QUEEN SAYS?

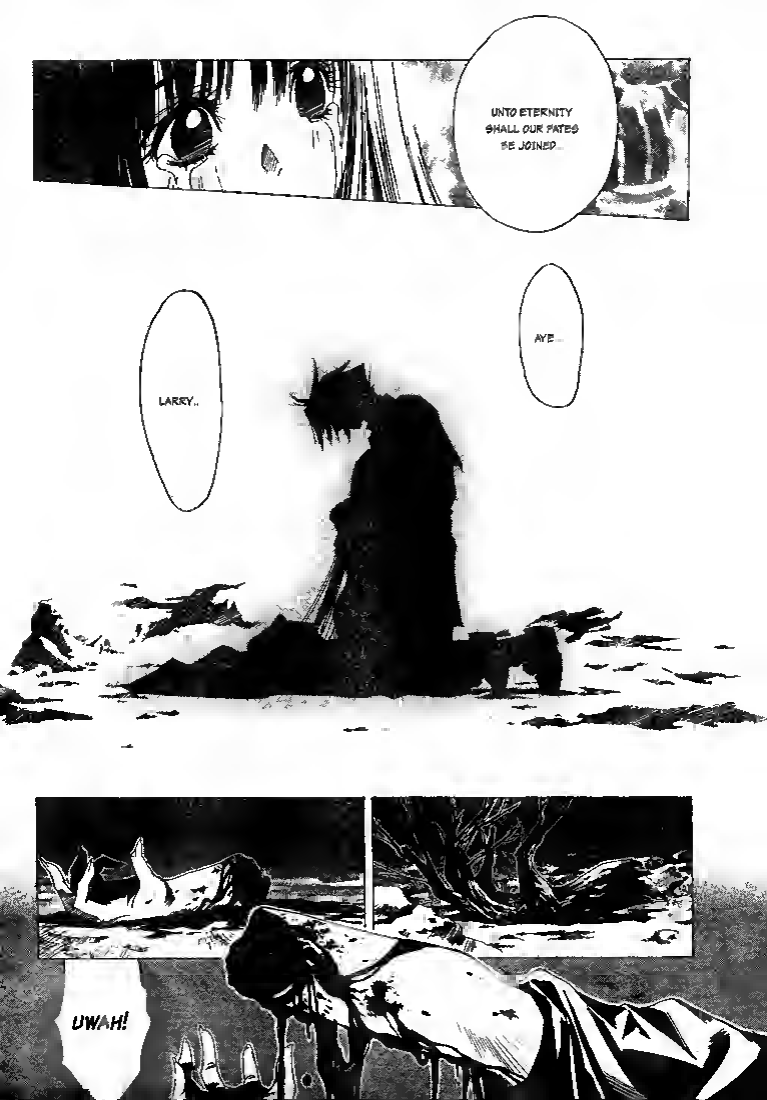
IM
IM
TO THE GROUND, PRINCESS!!
UWAHHH
LARRY!!!
KUAHH-!
GU-

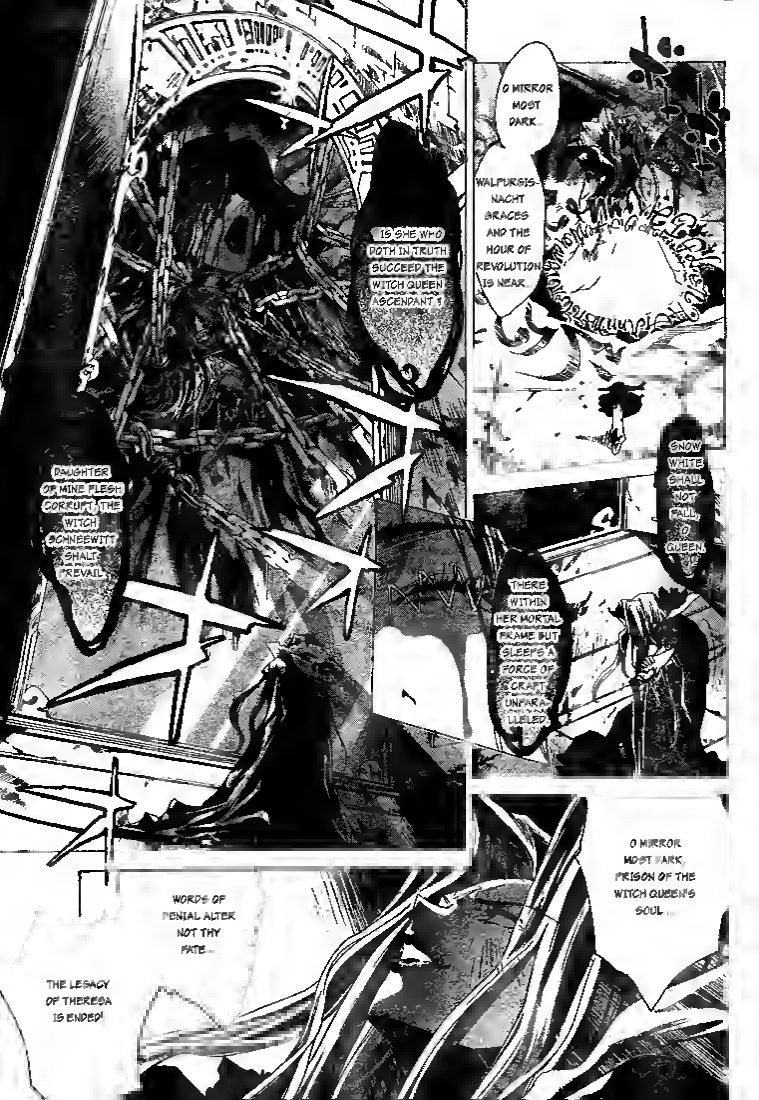
SEIZE THEM!!
THE THRONE ORDERS THE TWO OF YOU TO DEATH!
DIE!!
AHHHHHHHHH!!!

SNO...
SNOW WHITE!!

I KNOW NOT THE CAUSE OF SUCH BRUTALITY
'TIS NO FAULT OF MINE IT CAN'T BE ...
THE THOUGHT OF RESISTENCE NEVER EVEN CROSSED MY MIND ...
PRINCESS
I FEAR MY FATE ...
IT IS AS IF THERE SLEEPS WITHIN MY HEART A PERSON OF WHICH I KNOW NOTHING

I'VE SAID IT BEFORE PRINCESS
REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU I SHALL REMAIN AT YOUR SIDE
MY LADY
NAY, SNOW WHITE
I ACT NOW NEITHER ON DUTY NOR CONSCIOUSNESS OF CASTE
UPON THE DAY THAT YOU SAVED ME
ALL THOSE YEARS AGO...
I VOWED THAT I WOULD LIVE FOR YOU GUARD YOU WITH MY LIFE
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO OR WHAT YOU BECOME


UNTO ETERNITY
SHALL OUR FATES
BE JOINED...
AYE...
LARRY..
UWAH!


O MIRROR MOST DARK...
WALPURGIS-NACHT GRACES AND THE HOUR OF REVOLUTION IS NEAR...
SNOW WHITE SHALL NOT FALL, O QUEEN, YET
THERE WITHIN HER MORTAL FRAME BUT SLEEPS A FORCE OF CRAFT UNPARALLELED.
IS SHE WHO DOTH IN TRUTH SUCCEED THE WITCH QUEEN ASCENDANT?
DAUGHTER OF MINE FLESH CORRUPT, THE WITCH SCHNEEWITT SHALT PREVAIL.
O MIRROR MOST DARK, PRISON OF THE WITCH QUEEN'S SOUL...
WORDS OF DENIAL ALTER NOT THY FATE--
THE LEGACY OF THERESA IS ENDED!

I WILL RETURN WHEN I HAVE PLOTTED THE COURSE OF OUR EXODUS
PLEASE SEEK SHELTER WITHIN, PRINCESS.
BE CAUTIOUS, LARRY!
FOR NOW, WE MUST OBSCURE YOU FROM THE EYES OF THE QUEEN.
FROM DARKNESS I BEG THAT AT ANY COST BE LARRY DELIVERED!
MINE MOTHER IN HEAVEN...
SPOTTED THE PREY HAVE WE
HIHO!
THE PRINCESS WITCH APPROACHES HER SEVERANCE WE THE KNIGHTS OF THE SIEBEN ZWERGE CAN KNOW NO FAILURE.

NO FURTHER, MY LADY
WHY, IF IT ISN'T LARRY...
BEGONE, WHILST I FIND THERE YET MERCY IN MY HEART
YOUR POST HAS BEEN LIQUIDATED

SO LONG AS I STILL STAND, THE PRINCESS SHAN'T COME TO HARM!!
INQUIRE THY PASSAGE, AND THERE YE SHALT FIND DEATH!
ENOUGH
SUCH IMPERTINENCE IS INTOLERABLE
!!!

BE SUCH HOSTILITY JUSTIFIABLE IN GRATITUDE?
HOW DOST THE HOUND TURN CLAW AND FANG AGAINST ITS MASTER'S HAND
SHOULD IN TRUTH SEEK REPRISAL UNTO
OR SEEKEST THOU IN THE BLOOD OF THY FOES THE HEART OF SNOW WHITE?
DELIVERANCE IN MINE DEATH,
IT IS BY THE HAND OF TIME THAT SNOW WHITE SHALL BE MADE NO MORE.
THE GRACE OF WALPURGISNACHT GIVES IN THY MAIDEN OF CRAFT THE CORRUPTION OF FLESH AND SOUL.
THERE AWAITS YE BUT THE SILENCE AND THE NIGHT

A VESSEL OF THE WITCH QUEEN'S ESSENCE WAS THY LADY'S FLESH CONCEIVED ..
THE WITCH QUEEN'S ..?
UPON THAT DAY, FOURTEEN YEARS AGO
THERESA CAME IN LABOR AWARE OF MY INTENT
HER COUNTER-PLAY WAS SWIFT
BUT WITHIN A HEARTBEAT SHE DEVISED A METHOD BY WHICH HER DOOM MIGHT BE CIRCUMVENTED ...
BE THE STIRRINGS OF THE CRAFT WILL THE MATTERS THAT AS SUCH PERTAIN BE ORDERED
THROUGH THEM THE NAVEL OF THE NEWBORN BABE SHE CONDUCTED HER VITALITY THAT A GRAFTING OF SOULS COULD OCCUR.
TO UNRAVEL IS THAT WEAVE DUE OR SO EXPERIENCE TELLS
THE TWILIGHT HOURS HAIL OF THE PRINCESS' FLESH THE BIRTH OF THE WITCH SCHNEEWITT
BEING IN CRAFT TOO WEAK TO HALT THE PROCESS WHOLE IT WAS THE BEST I COULD DO TO SEAL AWAY THE CORE OF HER SPIRIT...

SUFFICE THAT TO DEVOUR HUMANITY WHOLE DOES SUCH HUNGER DRIVE,
TO FURTHER HER CRAFT, THE GREAT PESTILENCE DID BY HER HAND SPAWN.
IT WAS THA THERESA NOURISHED HERSELF UPON THE SOULS OF MEN THAT HER FORCE OF CRAFT DID EGGALATE
IN THE AUTUMN OF HER CONSCIENCE PUT BANKS OF MANA UNTAPPED DID WE MORTALS TO HER BECOME FACELESS AND UNKNOWN
SO BEING THE INSINUATION TO ROYALTY FUNCTIONED TO CAPACITATE HER WITH ACCESS TO THE RULE OF LAW THAT SHE MIGHT OF THE GALLOWS DERIVE MANA AS NECESSARY
DESIRE FOR ABSOLUTION ASIDE, LET IT BE KNOWN THAT I STAINED MY HANDS FOR FEAR OF THE INHUMANITY THAT GROWS WITHIN HER EYES
CORRUPTION MOST VILE BOTH SPRING OF UNNATURAL AMBITION
THE TRAGEDY OF THERESA SHALL AGAIN REPEAT
SHOULD YOU ALLOW THE TRANSFIGURATION OF SNOW WHITE,
IF THY LOVE BE TRUE THE PRINCESS MUST BE SEEN TO HER DEATH
BOLLOCKS!
UTTER BOLLOCKS!!

HATH TO THEE THESE WORDS NO MEANING?
YE WHO HATH GLIMPSED MINE HEART OF HEARTS...
!!
AGHH!
YE HAVE SURELY SLAIN ME, CHILD.
I LEAVE THE FATE OF THE REVIVED THERESA T YOU...
TH THOU DESIRE HER CONTINUED EVEN NOW?
WITH THE REMAINDER OF MY MAHA I CAST MY FINAL WEAVE.
HERE BE THE DOLOROSA, THE FRUIT OF FINAL WRATH...

I REFUSE TO BELIEVE THIS...
BY ALL RIGHTS THEREOF SHOULD HAVE FAILED THAT MY HESITATION THAT DOOMED US ALL...
IN A MOMENT OF WEAKNESS, I ALLOWED HER TO CONFINE HER SOUL TO THE FLESH OF SNOW WHITE...
SNOW WHITE...
BUT
IT WAS WELL WITHIN MY CAPACITY OF MY OFFICE TO HAVE THE LASS TERMINATED AT ANY POINT...
LOVE STAYED MY HAND RATHER THAT I SHOULD BY MY WORD BE SHE SLEWN. I THOUGHT IT BETTER I PASS IN HER STEAD.
I WOULD'VE SOONER ENDED MY OWN LIFE THAN TO HAVE SEEN HER HARMED.
IF I COULD BUT PLAY THE ROLE OF HER MOTHER A DAY LONGER!
ONLY IN DREAMING DO THE BARREN TO KNOW THE BLISS OF MOTHERHOOD... ALAS, I COME TO WAKE. SNOW WHITE IS NO MORE...

SO .. BE THESE GOOD MEN THE FAMED KNIGHTS OF THE SIEBEN ZWERGE?
I DARESAY MY BONES TREMBLE AT THEIR VERY SHADOW ..
SNOW WHITE!
WELCOME BACK, BELOVED.

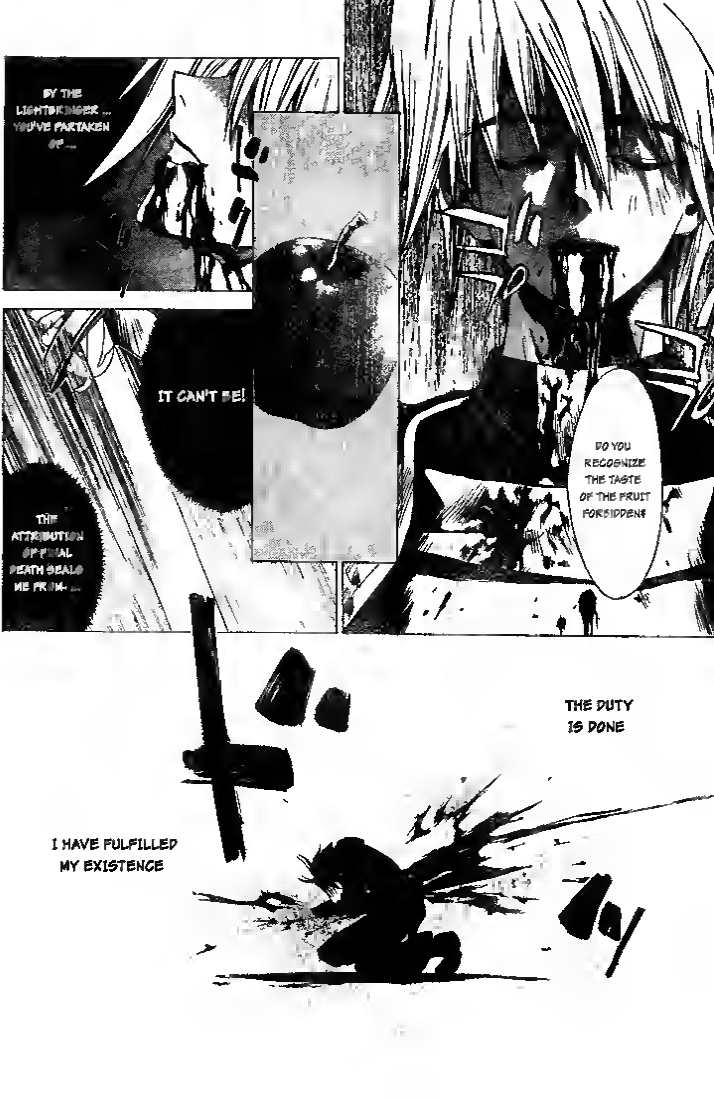
TIS BUT DECENCY TO REPAIR YE FOR SERVICES RENDERED
THOU HATH SEEN TO ME OF AID INVALUABLE
A
AYE
NAY
QUEEN THERESA!
SNOW WHITE
THE PRIZE WAS WELL WORTH THE COST.
AT LAST THE GAMBLE BEARS FRUIT ... I CLAIM VIRGIN INNOCENCE ONCE MORE.
FOURTEEN YEARS OF SLUMBER, PAID, WASTED ...
FOULEST LILLITH ...
CANNOT YOUR EYES DISCERN ME FOR WHO I AM! LARRY!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH SNOW WHITE!?

MOTHER AND CHILD ARE AGAIN UNITED OF FLESH AND SOUL.
AND THROUGH THESE EYES SHE SEES ...
AND BY THESE BARS BE THY WORD TO HER KNOWN ...
THAT BETWEEN US REMAINS UNALTERED
THE GIRL SNOW WHITE DOTH WITHIN THE CORE OF MINE HEART NOW RESIDE
I STAND, BELOVED, BEFORE THEE AS I WAS
'TIS THAT THE CRAFT HAS WROUGHT IN ME CHANGES LONG DUE
NEEDN'T YOU FEAR, SWEET KNIGHT
LARRY ...
NOW AND FOREVER MORE SHALT THOU BE TO ME AS KNIGHT AND RETAINER
LARRY ...
SNOW WHITE!!!

AHH ...

WH- WHAT'S
HOW COULD YOU-
DO YOU THINK ME A SIMPLETON, WITCH!?
KYAAAAAA
THOU ART A PARASITE OF SIN, THY SENTIMENT A MOCKERY OF ADORATION!!
BY THE BLADE OF MY LADY'S DELIVERANCE SHALL YOU KNOW THE MEANING OF TRUEST LOVE!!
FOOL!

I HAD THOUGHT YOU INCAPABLE OF TURNING YOUR BLADE AGAINST MY DAUGHTER ..
IT APPEARS I'VE UNDER ESTIMATED YOU LAD ...
IS THAT GOD
THE STRONGEST SWORD CRAFT IS USELESS IN DEATH. BETTER THAT I FORSAKE THE ART THAN TO MEET THE REAPER.
CLAIMED! ME HAVE YOUR SWIFT RESPONSE LADY QUEEN


BY THE LIGHTBRINGER ... YOU'VE PARTAKEN OF ...
IT CAN'T BE!
THE ATTRIBUTION OF FINAL DEATH SEALS ME FROM- ...
DO YOU RECOGNIZE THE TASTE OF THE FRUIT FORSIDDEN?
THE DUTY IS DONE
I HAVE FULFILLED MY EXISTENCE

THE OLD GODS MUST SURELY MAKE JEST OF SUCH IRONY, METHINKS
PROVIDENCE HAS WRITTEN THAT OUR BLOODS BE JOINED UPON THE EDGE OF THIS BLADE...
NOW THE SUN SETS UPON THE WOOD I SHALL FOLLOW THE PRINCESS IN DEATH AS IN LIFE.
THE PRINCESS AND HER KNIGHT LIVED TO THE END. OF THEIR PAYING IT ER CONTENT...
I HEAR IN THESE NAL MOMENTS BLASPHEMOUS WHISPERS OF HECHILDREN OF THE WORLD.
GOODNIGHT, SWEET PRINCESS...
FOREVER, SHALL I LOVE YOU...

ONCE UPON A TIME IN A PLACE NOW FORGOTTEN
THAT, DEAR READER, IS TALE OF THE WITCH QUEEN'S VANQUISHING SPECULATION APPENDS TO THESE LAST PAGES AN APOCRYPHA
... THERE CAME TO GROW AN APPLE TREE BEARING THE VERY SWEETEST OF FRUIT
JUST A BIT MORE SIR VICKS I SHAN'T BE TOO LONG
- 'TIS APPROACHING SUNDOWN, MY QUEEN. WE SHOULD BE HEADING BACK TO THE CITADEL.

THEY ARE AS RED AS THE COLOR OF BLOOD
WHEN THE FALL OF FIRST SNOW FILLS THE SKY AS WITH FEATHERS OF WHITE THE FRUITS OF THE TREE COME RIPE FOR HARVEST ...
MEMORIES TRANSCEND THE PASSAGE OF TIME UNCHANGING;
ETERNITY
UNTO ETERNITY LARRY ...
THE APPLES THAT HERALD THE SNOW TASTE OF THE SUMMER LONG PAST ...
IT IS SAID THAT THOUGH THE APPLES ARE CRISP AND FRESH, THE FLAVOR BRINGS AT TIMES A TEAR TO THE EYE ...